



Date: March 26, 2010

TO: SUD-Adult & Adolescent Residential Treatment Providers

FR: Business Psychology Associates

RE: March 23, 2010 Budget Management Conference Call

On March 23, 2010 BPA facilitated a budget management conference call to address Adult & Adolescent Residential Treatment Services. Thank you to all who took part in the call, your participation and feedback are vital as we work together on important changes surrounding SUD residential treatment. A summary of the March 23 conference call is included in this memorandum.

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming conference calls:

April 6, 2010: Budget Management Follow-up Conference Call at 3PM

April 22 or 23, 2010: Continued Services Review Rollout Conference Call

BPA will distribute conference call information and agendas before each call.

Summary of March 23, 2010 Budget Management Conference Call:

1. A March 3, 2010 Office of Drug Policy memo addressed the Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse's (ICSA) request for a census reduction in SUD-funded clients. The memo emphasized the careful management of this process. As a result of this request BPA is working with SUD Residential Treatment Providers to immediately reduce and appropriately manage all residential authorizations.
2. On March 3, 2010 BPA facilitated a call with residential providers to discuss the budget management efforts and the subsequent changes to residential authorizations. Providers were asked to clinically assess all current clients for discharge or transfer to a lower level of care or continued services per ASAM-determined clinical need.

Reminders for assessing current clients:

- a. Providers must submit discharge and transfer forms through BPA's existing process.
- b. For clients needing continued services, providers must submit current clinical justification to BPA, using ASAM dimensional criteria (1 thru 6). Justification can be submitted to BPA by fax, email, direct mail or personal delivery to BPA's corporate offices. Submissions will be reviewed by BPA's utilization management team (MD, Ph.D. & LMSW) to determine additional authorizations.
 - Clients that meet continued services criteria will receive additional authorization units based on clinical need.

- Clients not meeting continued stay criteria will not be authorized additional residential units. BPA will inform providers of those clients that do not meet continued stay criteria. Providers must submit discharge or transfer paperwork for these clients to BPA.
3. Authorizations for new clients will be limited to clinical need. Continued Services Review (CSR) will be conducted prior to authorization end dates utilizing ASAM CSR criteria.
- a. New client authorizations will be based on clinical necessity. These authorizations will not exceed 14 days, and will be no less than 7 days.
- Per Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 16.06.03, residential providers must complete an individualized treatment plan within 72 hours of client admission.
 - The treatment plan should be developed from the GAIN I Assessment, if the client did not receive a GAIN I Assessment the residential treatment provider must complete the assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact your Clinical Regional Field Staff representative.

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